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US Ambassador Visits Pelagonija Region

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Mrs. Wohlers Visits Gaucher Patient

On April 30, Mrs. Mary Jo Wohlers and Vesna Stojmirova, head of the association of citizens for rare diseases- Life with Challenges, visited 12-year old Azemina, one of the youngest of 12 patients diagnosed with Gaucher disease in Macedonia. Pending intervention of the ...



Ambassador Wohlers Visits Mayor of Skopje Trajanovski

Ambassador Wohlers met with Skopje Mayor Koce Trajanovski on Friday, April 26. The Ambassador congratulated the Mayor on his re-election and the two discussed ongoing projects in this city that both call home.



Earth Day Activities

To celebrate Earth Day, U.S. Embassy staff, Ambassador Wohlers, and Swedish Ambassador Wahlund participated in activities at Ismail Qemali school in Cair, on April 20. Then on April 22, U.S. Embassy staff teamed up with the Roma NGO Sumnal, students from Topana and Cair, ... [more. »](#)



Country Reports on Human Rights Practices

Secretary Kerry (Apr. 19): "These reports send a very clear message that all governments have a responsibility to protect universal human rights and they help to blaze a path forward for places where those rights are either threatened or denied. [more. »](#)



Battery Dance Company at Skopje Dance Fest

Ambassador Wohlers gave opening remarks at Skopje Dance Fest before the performance of Battery Dance Company, from New York City. Battery Dance Company was in Macedonia for one week as part of a 6-country Arts Envoy tour, sponsored ... [more photos. »](#)



Secretary Kerry Commemorates Roma Day

Secretary Kerry (April 6, 2013): "On behalf of President Obama and the people of the United States, I want to send best wishes to all Roma on the occasion of International Roma Day. We mark the day by celebrating the rich Romani culture and the diverse contributions of Roma to our societies." ... [more. »](#)



“Pop! Fashion” at the Embassy

Ambassador Wohlers opened the “Pop! Fashion” fashion show yesterday as part of Skopje Fashion Weekend. Government ministers, donors, and invited guests from the business, fashion, textile, and media communities attended the event that was hosted in the Embassy Atrium. ... [more photos.](#) »

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